

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 275

By Floyd

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Kristina Montague on being named a 2013 Woman of Distinction by the American Lung Association.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should salute those citizens who, through their extraordinary efforts, have distinguished themselves as community leaders of whom we can all be proud; and

WHEREAS, Kristina Montague will be recognized as a 2013 Woman of Distinction by the American Lung Association at the organization's 28th Annual Women of Distinction Awards Luncheon; and

WHEREAS, this prestigious event honors a number of women who have distinguished themselves in their professional, civic, and volunteer service; the event also benefits the important work of the American Lung Association in Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, a native of Seattle, Washington, Mrs. Montague serves with acumen and alacrity as the Assistant Dean of External Affairs at University of Tennessee Chattanooga's College of Business, in which position she prepares students for the business world while also engaging community partners in the school's diverse array of programs; and

WHEREAS, after earning a master's degree in public administration from the University of Washington, Kristina Montague embarked upon a stellar career path which began with her work as a program associate at the Public Education Foundation in Chattanooga. Her career in education has led her to spearhead the merger of the city and county school systems, coordinate major grants programs, and cultivate parent engagement in one of the nation's top magnet schools; and

WHEREAS, she rendered sterling service in several roles for Normal Park Museum Magnet, standing as the development director, the parent involvement coordinator, and a classroom teacher; and

WHEREAS, a firm believer in the importance of community service, Kristina Montague has served on the boards of directors of several community and civic organizations, lending her astute leadership to the Chattanooga Area Food Bank, the Young Women's Leadership Academy, the Normal Park Education Fund, the Creative Discovery Museum, the Chattanooga Theatre Centre, the Community Foundation of Greater Chattanooga, the Chattanooga Nature Center, the Partners for Academic Excellence, and the Leadership Chattanooga Alumni Association; and

WHEREAS, she has also dedicated her time and energies to the Director's Search Committee for the Chattanooga Girls Leadership Academy and toward serving as the president of the Normal Park Museum Magnet PTA; and

WHEREAS, she is proudest of the love and support she shares with her husband, Tom Montague, and their two children, Chapin and Max; and

WHEREAS, epitomizing the spirit and commitment that are characteristic of a true Tennessean, Kristina Montague takes her place among the many noble citizens who have earned this State the nickname of "The Volunteer State"; and

WHEREAS, the success of the State of Tennessee, the strength of our communities, and the overall vitality of our society depend, in great measure, on the dedication of people like Kristina Montague, who use their considerable talents and resources to serve others; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and congratulate Kristina Montague on being named a 2013 Woman of Distinction by the American Lung Association, thank her for all she has done to make Chattanooga and this State a better place to live and work, and extend to her our best wishes for much continued success in the future.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.